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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Nobuyoshi NAMBU et al. Art Unit: 1774
Serial No.: 09/914,356 Examiner: Gray, J.
Title: FIBER CAPABLE OF FORMING METAL CHELATE, PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME, METHOD OF TRAPPING METAL ION WITH
THE FIBER, AND METAL CHELATE FIBER
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002, applicants hereby submit the enclosed papers including an Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for one (1) month to April 21, 2003 (since April 20, 2003 is a Sunday) for filing a response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application.

No extension of time has been previously obtained for filing the response. Thus a fee of \$55.00 for an extension of one month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.136(a) is required.

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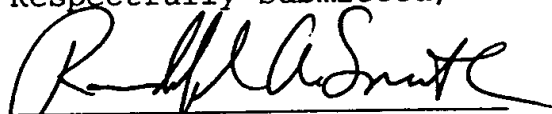
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One Month's Extension of Time Fee \$55.00

TOTAL FEE DUE: \$55.00

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 19-2586, REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0052/059001. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS PAPER IS ENCLOSED. THIS IS A GENERAL AUTHORIZATION EXCLUDING ONLY PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date: April 21, 2003

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